



7th Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension)
May 17, 2026



Welcome to
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lakewood, Colorado

A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests. It is our prayer that your faith is strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers every week. St. Paul is a member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). The CLC is represented by congregations throughout the United States, in Canada, and throughout the continent of Africa, India, and neighboring nations. All our churches confess that the Bible is the inspired and unerring Word of God. We invite our Guests to record their visit by signing the Guestbook and to come and worship with us again. Questions? Please speak with one of the ushers. They will happy to assist you!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

based on *Worship Supplement 2000* (pp. 12-21)

Opening Prayer

Hymn

LSB 493 (1-5) – "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

The Invocation

P: Welcome ... in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

Confession of Sins & Announcement of Forgiveness

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

Lord, Have Mercy *The Kyrie*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G-clef, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The music is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm.

Glory to God in the Highest *The Gloria in Excelsis*

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G-clef, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise; 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,". The music is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm.

Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:

We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,

Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray ...

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

First Lesson – 1 Peter 4:12-17; 5:6-11

4:12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. 14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. 17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? | 5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. 10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. 11 To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Easter Acclamation

P: The Lord is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: God ascends to his throne.

C: There are shouts of joy and the blast of trumpets as the Lord goes up.

P: The Lord is risen indeed!

C: This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.

P: By this we know that we abide in God and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

C: And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

P: "Behold, I am coming soon," says the Lord.

C: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

P: Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

C: "Surely I am coming soon," says the Lord.

P: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

C: He has given us of His Spirit.

Second Lesson – John 17:1-11

1 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, 2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. 4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. 6 "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. 7 Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. 8 For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. 9 "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. 10 And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia!

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Confession of Faith – Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 701 – *"Draw Us to Thee"*

Sermon, based on Acts 1:1-11

Remember with Joy the Day of Your Lord's Ascension!

Consider ...

1. The important preparations He made for that day!
2. The great commission He gave on that day!
3. The comforting promise He made of His return!

1 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, 3 to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. 4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the

Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” 9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.

Offertory

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
 not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
 Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
 Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer


Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

LSB 492 – *"On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"*

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you . . .

C: 
A - men, a - men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (5/17)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Tue-Thu		West-Central Delegate Conference
Sunday (5/24)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

Extended Calendar

- Annual Front Range Mission Festival: Sunday, June 14, 3:00 pm (hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland).
- 37th CLC Delegates Convention, Eau Claire, WI: Thurs-Sun, June 25-28

In Our Prayers: We ask the Lord for His continuing gracious care for our fellow members: Lance Clark, Ethel Eastridge, Ruth Greening, Mark Hartmeister, Pat Newton, Doug Tiefel, Jerry Wamboldt, and Julie Ann Zamora.

The West-Central Delegate Conference will take place this week Tuesday through Thursday, hosted by Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cheyenne. Ed Chiappetti, Mike Sprengeler, and Pastor Schuetze plan to represent St. Paul at this conference.

The Annual Front Range Mission Festival is scheduled for Sunday, June 14 at 3:00 pm, preceded by a mission presentation at 2:00 pm, hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland. The guest speaker will be Missionary Bruce Naumann. See the poster on the narthex bulletin board for details.

Synod News & Notes

- ILC Education Program Graduate Ms. Riley Naumann has accepted the call to teach 3-4 grades at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. <> ILC education program graduate Mr. Orrin Hanel has accepted the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne. <> Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, has received the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

May 18-23

Mon Mark 16:14-20 Awaiting the promised Spirit, we remember how the risen Jesus sent the eleven out to preach the Word, how vital it is to believe that Word, and how He confirmed His Word by various signs.

Tues John 15:26–16:4 When the Counselor comes, He will testify about Jesus, and so will Jesus' apostles. Not all will believe the testimony, to be sure, but fierce opposition does not mean that the Spirit was wrong.

Wed 1 Peter 4:7-11 The approaching end times call for a sound mind and prayerful watching, but most of all for love which uses the gifts that God has given in service to one another on our heavenly walk.

Thurs Ezekiel 36:25-27 The Lord will cleanse from impurity and idolatry. The Lord will give a new heart and put His Spirit within, that we, His people, may be led to walk in His ways.

Fri Psalm 97 The Lord reigns. The earth, created by Him, rejoices in this. Fire, lightning, mountains, and heavens bow before Him. All other "gods" are nothing compared to Him. Let us also rejoice and give thanks!

Sat Psalm 93 The Lord rules forever. Majesty and strength are His clothing. He is mightier than the thundering waters, and His word stands firm. His holiness is what makes His house eternally beautiful.

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